



*Louisiana's 3rd Congressional District*



CONGRESSMAN  
**CHARLIE MELANCON**

**Working for Louisiana's 3rd Congressional District.**

*Dear Friends:*

Looking back on 2009, we can be proud of the many legislative victories Louisiana has won over the past year. As your voice in Washington, I've continued working to represent our south Louisiana values in Congress and bring more of your federal tax dollars back home to meet our needs.

Inside you will find updates on several Louisiana priorities I've worked for this year in Congress. From saving jobs and creating new ones, to fighting against new taxes on our businesses, to preserving our rich culture, I'm proud of what we have accomplished this year for our state.

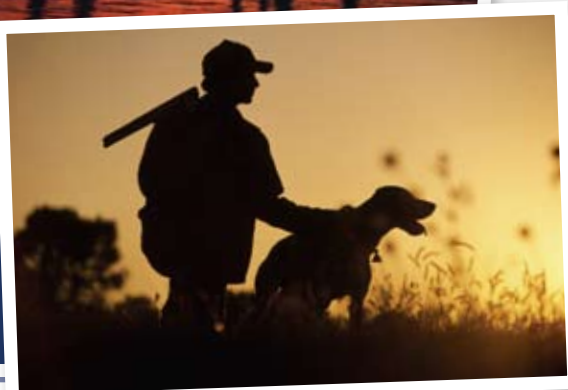
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you can also find more detailed information about what I am working for on behalf of our communities and families in south Louisiana.

Your opinions help me better represent our state, so please don't hesitate to call or email me with your comments, suggestions or concerns. Thank you for helping us make south Louisiana an even greater place to live!

Sincerely,

Charlie Melancon



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# Congressman Charlie Melancon

has been working throughout the year to protect Louisiana jobs and preserve our culture.

*“Louisiana's oil and gas industry has been an economic engine in our state for decades, providing our workers with good jobs and the rest of the nation with reliable, American-made energy.”*

- Congressman Charlie Melancon

## **APRIL: Preventing new taxes on Louisiana's oil and gas industry.**

- ★ Congressman Melancon successfully fought to remove from the federal Budget Resolution new taxes on oil and gas companies, while preserving incentives that encourage new drilling and exploration. In arguing against the taxes in the budget, Congressman Melancon said raising taxes on the oil and gas industry would cost us thousands of American jobs and make our country even more dependent on foreign nations for energy.

## **MAY AND JUNE: Fighting against “Cap and Trade.”**

- ★ Congressman Melancon stood up for Louisiana and voted against the “cap and trade” bill supported by President Obama. Cap and trade would cripple Louisiana's oil and gas industry, stalling the economic engine that provides thousands of jobs for our workers. Congressman Melancon believes our nation must work together to reduce pollution and make our air and water cleaner, but not on the backs of Louisiana's energy businesses and workers.



## **AUGUST: Standing up for Louisiana's shrimpers.**

- ★ Louisiana shrimpers were facing historically low prices and a threat to their jobs because of all the cheap foreign shrimp being dumped on the U.S. seafood market. Congressman Melancon met this challenge by calling for a Congressional investigation into the causes of low Gulf shrimp prices. Shining a light on some of the unfair practices threatening our shrimpers is a first step in leveling the playing field for American workers and saving an industry that is deeply rooted in our Louisiana culture.

## **NOVEMBER: Halting the Ban on Fresh Gulf Oysters.**

- ★ At the end of the year, a federal agency proposed banning the sale of fresh oysters from the Gulf during summer months. Congressman Melancon immediately stepped up and joined Gulf Coast oystermen in fighting this threat to Louisiana's culture. Just two weeks after Congressman Melancon first spoke up against the ban, the federal agency halted the proposal.



Top Photo: Rep. Melancon joins Gulf Coast oystermen in calling on the FDA to reverse its proposed ban on the sale of fresh oysters during summer months.

Bottom Photo: Rep. Melancon joins Louisiana shrimpers at the state capitol to speak out against unfair trade that is driving shrimpers out of business.



## THE HOUMA COURIER

### Melancon Votes Againsts Climate-Change Bill

(The Houma Courier, May 22, 2009)

## THE TECHE NEWS

**Charlie Melancon:**  
*Saving oil and  
gas industry billions*  
(April 22, 2009)

"The tax increases in the President's budget proposal on the oil and gas industry would have been devastating to Louisiana businesses, and Congressman Melancon got that. On behalf of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association, I thank him for his efforts to prevent this massive tax increase. We look forward to partnering with him in the future to fight for Louisiana's oil and gas industry."

- Don Briggs, President of the Louisiana  
Oil and Gas Association  
(citation of 4/2/2009 press release, office of Congressman Melancon)

## THE TIMES PICAYUNE

**FDA decides to hold off on raw oyster ban** (The Times-Picayune - November 13, 2009)

*"Louisianians don't want the federal government telling us how to eat our oysters any more than we want a bureaucrat in Washington telling us how to make a roux, and today the FDA heard that loud and clear."*

- Congressman Charlie Melancon

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## Delivering Louisiana tax dollars back to Louisiana.

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Louisiana received hundreds of millions in federal tax dollars for investment in projects located in the 3rd District.

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| <b>\$11 MILLION</b>        | for transportation projects in St. Bernard, Jefferson and Orleans Parishes                  |
| <b>\$3 MILLION</b>         | for Refinery Road Bridge over Bayou Teche   |
| <b>\$2.2 MILLION</b>       | for St. Charles Community Health Center   |
| <b>\$1.4 MILLION</b>       | for Iberia Comprehensive Community Health   |
| <b>\$2 MILLION</b>         | to the Teche Action Clinic to provide primary health care in south Louisiana                |
| <b>OVER \$13.8 MILLION</b> | to modernize, renovate and improve affordable housing                                       |
| <b>NEARLY \$75 MILLION</b> | to local school boards to save jobs and maintain programs                                   |
| <b>OVER \$5.1 MILLION</b>  | to local sheriff departments, and police departments to keep law enforcement budgets strong |

*“These investments will protect jobs in Louisiana and keep our economy strong.”*

- Congressman Charlie Melancon